

House File 2269 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act expanding the educational standards to include
2 age-appropriate comprehensive sexuality education
3 instruction at the elementary and secondary grade levels.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 256.11, subsections 2, 3, and 4, Code
2 Supplement 2009, are amended to read as follows:

3 2. The kindergarten program shall include experiences
4 designed to develop healthy emotional and social habits and
5 growth in the language arts and communication skills, as
6 well as a capacity for the completion of individual tasks,
7 and protect and increase physical well-being with attention
8 given to experiences relating to the development of life
9 skills, age-appropriate comprehensive sexuality education, and
10 age-appropriate human growth and development. A kindergarten
11 teacher shall be licensed to teach in kindergarten. An
12 accredited nonpublic school must meet the requirements of this
13 subsection only if the nonpublic school offers a kindergarten
14 program.

15 3. The following areas shall be taught in grades one through
16 six: English-language arts, social studies, mathematics,
17 science, health, age-appropriate comprehensive sexuality
18 education, age-appropriate and research-based human growth
19 and development, physical education, traffic safety, music,
20 and visual art. The health curriculum shall include the
21 characteristics of communicable diseases including acquired
22 immune deficiency syndrome. The state board as part of
23 accreditation standards shall adopt curriculum definitions for
24 implementing the elementary program.

25 4. The following shall be taught in grades seven and
26 eight: English-language arts; social studies; mathematics;
27 science; health; age-appropriate comprehensive sexuality
28 education; age-appropriate and research-based human growth
29 and development; family, consumer, career, and technology
30 education; physical education; music; and visual art.
31 The health curriculum shall include age-appropriate and
32 research-based information regarding the characteristics
33 of sexually transmitted diseases, including HPV and the
34 availability of a vaccine to prevent HPV, and acquired immune
35 deficiency syndrome. The state board as part of accreditation

1 standards shall adopt curriculum definitions for implementing
2 the program in grades seven and eight. However, this
3 subsection shall not apply to the teaching of family, consumer,
4 career, and technology education in nonpublic schools. For
5 purposes of this section, "age-appropriate", "HPV", and
6 "research-based" mean the same as defined in section 279.50.

7 Sec. 2. Section 256.11, subsection 5, paragraph j, Code
8 Supplement 2009, is amended to read as follows:

9 *j.* One unit of health education which shall include personal
10 health; food and nutrition; environmental health; safety and
11 survival skills; consumer health; family life; age-appropriate
12 comprehensive sexuality education; age-appropriate and
13 research-based human growth and development; substance abuse
14 and nonuse; emotional and social health; health resources; and
15 prevention and control of disease, including age-appropriate
16 and research-based information regarding sexually transmitted
17 diseases, including HPV and the availability of a vaccine to
18 prevent HPV, and acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

19 The state board as part of accreditation standards shall
20 adopt curriculum standards for implementing the program in
21 grades nine through twelve.

22 EXPLANATION

23 This bill expands the state educational standards by adding
24 age-appropriate comprehensive sexuality education to the areas
25 which must be taught in kindergarten through grade 12 by school
26 districts and accredited nonpublic schools.